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ALMA OBEYED THE CLOSING ORDER

Republic Truck Company, Inc. And Other Institutions Closed Five Days.

STORES ON NINE-HOUR BASIS

Alma Business Men Hold to Hours With Good Spirit Believing That Necessity Should Hold Sway.

The closing hours which went into effect last Friday on orders of Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield, and State Fuel Administrator Prudden, with a view of saving fuel to as great an extent as possible, and thus relieving to a great extent, the fuel famine, are now being observed closely, but for the first few days were rather bewildering because of their nature and extent.

The Garfield order closed most of the factories east of the Mississippi river for a period of five days, with a few exceptions where factories were engaged in the manufacture of food-stuffs and on important governmental work. Practically every factory obeyed orders promptly, and thereby saved a great amount of fuel, which has been for the most part turned over to the homes of the country which have been suffering greatly from the shortage.

The Republic Motor Truck, Inc., of this city was one of the factories which was hit by the closing order. Friday some fifteen hundred men were laid off as a result of the order. The use of fuel was cut down to a minimum of safety, only enough steam being kept up to keep the pipes, etc., from freezing. It saved a great amount of fuel, even at this one institution. The cost of this and other companies in laying off, with orders for their outputs as rapidly as they could be turned out, naturally hit the concerns, but all submitted for the general good, as the fuel administration saw it, and made the best of an order which could be little else than disagreeable to them.

Stores and offices were also hit on the closing orders. Stores were limited to nine hours a day and twelve hours on Saturday, until after the 25th of March. The order also closed all stores except those supplying food, all day Monday during this period. Stores supplying food are given half of the usual time on Monday, and must close at noon. Restaurants are not hit by the Monday closing hour, and they are allowed to divide their time, so as to give certain portions of the nine hours for each meal, during the day.

The order at first closed all theaters, movies, dance halls, billiard and pool rooms on Monday and Tuesday, but this was changed so that they can operate on Monday, but cannot use fuel on Tuesday, except to such an extent as is necessary to keep pipes, etc., from freezing.

The mayors of cities and heads of towns and villages were given authority to see that the orders were obeyed, and Mayor Pro-tem D. W. Adams and Chief of Police Oscar Vibber made the rounds of the business places early and the open hours of the business place were settled upon. The stores of Alma now have signs prominently displayed, giving the hours during which the stores are open.

It may seem a trifle hard to shoppers to get around and do shopping during these hours, but once they become accustomed to the hours, there seems to be no reason, why anyone should not be able to do their buying during the hours which have been set. The coal situation of the country has become acute in the extreme and severe measures were needed to curb the threatened famine. The people should cheerfully obey orders, and aid in carrying them out in the spirit in which they were given. They were designed for the general good of the people, and it is up to the people to see that they are carried out for the general good.

WATER RENT

City Will Not Send Statements to Water Users—Hooverize Stamps.

It has been decided that statements will not be sent to the users of city water this quarter, and the users of water are asked to pay as usual at the city hall on or before February 15th, or water will be shut off.

City Clerk Carl H. Gallagher told the Record reporter that the city usually sent out from 750 to 800 such statements, and that with a large number of checks were mailed back with the receipts which the city again had to mail out, after they were signed.

It has been estimated that the city can save considerable money by doing away with the mailing of such statements and making the water users go to the city hall and settling their accounts before a certain date.

Bishop Williams paid his annual visit to St. John's church on Tuesday. In the afternoon he gave an account of the work of the Red Cross in France where he was a specially appointed representative of the American Government. The address was given in a masterly manner. In the evening the Bishop confirmed five members of St. John's parish and addressed the newly confirmed in a sermon which will be long remembered by them.

GET YOUR CARD

Must have Cards to get Sugar Commencing Next Week Monday.

The Government sugar cards will become a familiar sight in Alma with the coming week as the households of the city will be unable to procure sugar from the groceries for their homes without having one.

The cards are arranged so as to cover the sugar rationing for a family for three months, by weeks. It is provided that a grocer may sell just one pound of sugar per week for each member of the family. That is a family of two may purchase just two pounds of sugar per week, while a family of seven will be allowed seven pounds of sugar.

Each card must be signed, and give the number of persons in the family and the sugar allowance. They will be punched when the sugar is obtained from the grocer as in the past, but only in the quantity provided, and only upon presentation of the card. J. E. Fuller and W. H. Redman form the committee which is getting the matter in working order here, and they inform the Alma Record that the cards must be obtained at the city hall from the clerk.

NEED OF EAST ALMA FOR A NEW SCHOOL

City Has Grown Eastward and Many Pupils Live East of Bridge and Grover.

The school board did not set a date for the meeting of the voters of the school district this past week to decide on the matter of a new eight room school house, as had been expected, as the board desires to investigate the matter of a new school and the costs, to a still greater extent before putting the proposition before the voters of the district.

Figures secured yesterday show plainly the need of a new eight room school in the eastern section of the city, and show that it is the section of Alma which needs a new school right now more than the western part of Alma, although indications are that the time is not far distant, when the western part of the city will need such a school. The school system of the city contemplates such a school when the need is felt.

The need is made most apparent on the figures obtained. They show that there are 256 pupils in the public schools up to the seventh grade, who live east of Bridge and Grover avenues. This number does not include the kindergarten. If the little youngsters are included it will swell the total to very near three hundred. The greater need of the eastern section is apparent when these figures are compared with the western end of the city. West of State street there are just 189 pupils, who classify the same as the 256 in the eastern section of Alma.

It must be admitted that this division does not take territory at equal distances from the high school, the section with the smaller number being much closer to the schools than the district with the larger number in the eastern part of the city. One starts at a point two blocks from the schools and the other from a point several blocks away.

The school system which is being contemplated for the city as the eighth room school house in the eastern part of Alma, the western part and one in the southern part, and one in the northern part, when the needs become such that they are needed.

The growth in the east has exceeded that of the other districts to such an extent that the school must be built before September. This means that the school board must act soon on the matter.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post office in this city on February 9, 1918.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years on date of the examination.

Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than five feet four inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examinations, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately:

Willard M. Stuckey, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Alma, Michigan.

NEW TIME TABLE ON A. A.

The Ann Arbor railroad has adopted a new time table. Following is the time for the departure of trains from this city:

Northbound	Southbound
8:45 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
12:02 noon	9:57 a.m.
1:25 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
4:40 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
9:10 p.m.	6:18 a.m.

Sunday only. "—daily except Sunday. All others daily.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR IS OUT

Big List of Cases Comes Up Before New Circuit Judge at February Term of Court.

MURDER CASES HEADLINERS

Cases of Eichorn, Brennan and Mrs. Johnson Are Features of the Fifteen Criminal Cases.

Following is the list of cases, which will appear on the February Circuit court calendar:

Criminal Cases

The people vs. Albert Eichorn, murder.
The people vs. John F. Brennan, murder.
The people vs. Inez Johnson, murder.
The people vs. Loren Baker, rape.
The people vs. William Griffin, embezzlement.
The people vs. Inez Johnson, keeping house of ill-fame.
The people vs. John W. Morrison, carrying concealed weapons.
The people vs. Clyde Allen, forgery.
The people vs. Bennie Boursaw, larceny.
The people vs. Harry Miller, larceny from the person.
The people vs. James Wigfall, violation of the local option law.
The people vs. Earl Martin, larceny from the person.
The people vs. Milton Washburn, larceny from the person.
The people vs. George Sellon, larceny.
The people vs. Keith Martin, larceny.

Probation Cases

Parties: Richard Flansburg, Ashley Wench, Paul Wagner, James Wheeler, Joseph Sanborn, Harry Collins, Harvey Bibler, Ansel Eldred, Carl White, G. A. White, Fremont Bellingier, Bert Taft, James B. Allen, Charles Cook.

New Law Cases

Ithaca Roller Mills vs. Ann Arbor R. R. Co., appeal.
John Jacques vs. John Murphy, trespass.

Henry Zimmerman vs. James Wilson, trespass.

William Miller vs. Ann Arbor R. R. Co., trespass.

Keith Martin vs. Charles Shunk, trespass.

Gilbert P. Porter vs. Nevada Rockwell, appeal.

Andrew Pietke vs. Ann Arbor R. R. Co., trespass.

Andrew Pietka as administrator vs. Ann Arbor R. R. Co., trespass.

M. E. Wiseman vs. Mrs. Chas. Nal-drett, assumption.

Edward Britton vs. Roy Keefer, trespass.

The American Seeding Machine Co. vs. Albert Derry and Ernest Derry, assumption.

Clinton Nelson vs. George Sharrar, trespass.

Ira H. McKinney vs. Alma Grain & Lumber Co., trespass.

Clinton Nelson vs. George Sandall, trespass.

O. L. Smith, assignee of the claim of Joseph Bennett vs. Wilson Brodebeck and Jay Brodebeck, appeal.

In re Clinton Nelson. Petition of Wm. A. Bahkile and Chas. H. Goggin, attorneys and officers of the court.

Harry Grandy vs. John L. Campbell, trespass.

Frank J. Cormak vs. Eli M. Wagner and August Below, appeal.

Harry Grandy, for the use and benefit of Edith Grandy vs. John L. Campbell, trespass.

Rae Sweeney vs. F. H. Rowland and W. D. Rowland, trespass.

In the matter of the estate of Silas Moody, deceased, appeal from Probate Court.

Clarence Rowley vs. Daa Moffett, appeal.

Mary E. Susdorf vs. Michigan Bonding and Surety Co., trespass.

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John Parrish vs. Dudley E. Waters and Paul King, receivers for the P. M. R. R. Co., trespass.

Frederick Sibley vs. Stephen Shepherd, appeal.

The Banana Distributing Co. vs. Paul Fortino and Michael Fortino, trespass.

Bryant Parker vs. George Tangala-kis, trespass.

United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co. vs. Porter H. Pitts and Wells Fargo Express Co., garnishment.

Miles A. Nelson, trustee vs. Mary H. Church, Nathan Church and Leroy B. Church, trespass.

In the matter of the estate of Col-well Boyd, deceased, appeal from Probate court.

Ora Fred Cooley vs. Otto F. Mey, et al, ejectment.

Samuel Rosen vs. W. T. Naldrett, John R. Poindexter and Mattie Poindexter vs. Robert Boswell and Burt Sharrar vs. Watson Land Co., trespass.

Maynard Pringle vs. Ansley Susdorf, assault and battery.

James Moore vs. Frank Roberts and Joseph Maher, appeal.

Ezra Woods vs. Peter A. Thomas, appeal.

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CONTRACT PRICE

Sugar Contracts to Call for Nine Dollars to Farmers for Beets.

A meeting of the sugar beet growers, the manufacturers and State Food Administrator Prescott, representing the U. S., was held in Saginaw this week and as an outgrowth of this meeting beet contracts to the farmers for this coming year will call for a guaranteed price of \$9.00 per ton, this being favored by the food commissioner.

It is also to include an advance above this all that sugar sells over \$8.00 per hundred pounds next fall. The manufacturers agreed to this price and the contracts will be out just as soon as they can be printed.

MAROON AND CREAM

FIVE WAS DEFEATED

Strong Ypsi Normal Team on Own Floor Proved too Much For Maroon and Cream.

In a game marred by some bad passing Ypsi Normals defeated Alma 31-21. This was partly due to the fact that both teams wore the same kind of suits. The Presbyterian team was somewhat slow in reacting because of the fatiguing trip down state, some nine hours being required for the journey. Although there were flashes of good basketball displayed at times, Alma did not play the game they were capable of playing.

Ypsi started off with a rush and chalked up 10 points in the first 10 minutes of play. After that Alma settled down to real basketball ringing up three baskets in succession. The first half ended 18-19 for Ypsi.

The second half showed a marked improvement in the passing and shooting of both teams. The final score stood 21-31 for Ypsi.

Powers and Morris proved to be the best men Ypsi had while Capt. Smith played his usual consistent game with five baskets to his credit.

While the result of the game was somewhat of a disappointment, don't forget that it was only the second game of the season and luckily the weaknesses that loomed up Saturday night are ones that can easily be remedied.

When the team learns to strike quicker on offense and improves its style of guarding it will be a hard combination to beat.

ALMA YPSILANTI

Smith R. F. Powers

Medler, Howe L. F. Morris

Anderson C. G. Crowe

Richards R. G. Beeman

Foot, Moore L. G. Drake

Field Baskets—Smith 5, Medler 1, Foot 1, Powers 5, Morris 5, Crowe 1, Beeman 1.

Fouls—Smith, 7 out of 12; Morris 7 out of 11.

Referee—Bonsack? Detroit.

NOTES

Ypsi still plays her good passing game.

Ping Richards suffered a swat across the mouth that almost spoiled his beauty.

Jimmy Howe got tossed over into a crowd of girls and we had a hard time coaxing him to come back.

Runt had six open shots and got five of them; pretty good average.

Rich was all out of luck shooting baskets which accounts for our low score.

Everybody out for the first home game next Friday night. Mt. Pleasant Normals here.

TWO GAMES

College and High School Open in Double Bout Friday Night.

The Alma college and the Alma high school basketball quintets will open the local season Friday evening, January 25, the former playing the Mt. Pleasant Normal quintet and the latter the strong Cadillac five, which has been a consistent winner of the Northern Michigan title in late years.

The Alma college team is favored strongly over the Normalites in the Friday evening bout, having administered a defeat to the Teachers on their own floor in the opening game of the schedule two weeks ago, having a six point margin in the victory.

The Normals are out for revenge in this game, however, and would enjoy nothing better than slipping it over a team coached by the former Normal mentor. They will be certain to put up a lively game for the honors of the evening, and may be able to spring a surprise on the Helmer coached five.

Coach Floyd Maxwell's high school squad will be up against a far different proposition, when they meet the Cadillac high school team Friday evening. The up-staters enjoy an enviable reputation and will have a strong team on the court with which to uphold the laurels which they have won. The locals will face odds when they pay the Cadillac five, but will not concede that the Cadillac five is a better team until they are shown.

The high school-Cadillac game will be the curtain raiser of the double bill which is to be played and the Normal-Alma college game will start immediately at the finish of the high school game.

ST. LOUIS WANTS NEW BOUNDARIES

Board of Supervisors Voted to Submit Proposition to Voters of That City and Districts.

RIVERDALE WAS TURNED DOWN

Petition Submitted From Riverdale Was Not Entirely in Legal Form and Got No Action.

The city of St. Louis, which almost touches the city of Alma on the east, will vote this spring on the matter of boundary extensions, the board of Supervisors at the meeting last week having voted to submit the proposition to the voters of St. Louis and the adjoining townships, effected by the move.

If the proposition meets with the favorable vote of the people of St. Louis and the adjoining territory, the size of that city will be increased considerably in point of territory, and in one place the boundary of our sister city will touch that of the city of Alma.

Alma has not been alone in enjoying the growth which the Republic Motor Truck company, has made possible here, St. Louis having come in for a good share of it, due to her excellent location, just to the east of Alma. When demands for houses became too great for this city to keep up with the demand, many a family moved to St. Louis, and that city filled up rapidly and is now spreading outside of its present corporate limits.

There is very little question but that the measure will meet the approval of the voters of St. Louis, but it must carry, also secure the approval of the voters in the districts and townships affected.

Riverdale residents, thirty-one in number submitted a petition to the board of Supervisors to incorporate as a village. These men were reported to the Record, as being the progressive spirits of the western Gratiot town, most of them being business men. A petition was also filed with the supervisors against incorporating, thirty-two signing this petition. The signers of this petition are reported as having been holders of large properties which would have been affected by the move.

The board decided that the petition submitted was not legal being based upon an amendment to a law, which had been repealed, and because no affidavit of publication was given with the notices. Thus Riverdale will continue as it is at present for a time at least.

RED CROSS

Red Cross Workers Urge Membership Renewals Be Recorded at Once.

Mrs. H. H. Soule, chairman of the Alma branch of the Red Cross, urges that all old members renew their memberships at once, making the date of their payment correspond with the beginning of the year, as was the original plan.

To this end renewals will be recorded each day at the Red Cross headquarters, and the money will be taken by the secretary, treasurer, or some one appointed by Mrs. Soule. It will be seen that this method will do away with another membership campaign in the near future.

New officers have been selected as follows: treasurer, Mrs. Wm. A. Bahkile; chairman of housewives, Mrs. P. M. Smith; general chairman of all work, Mrs. Herbert Montague.

FINE OFFICE

Western Union Telegraph Is Now in Its New Location.

The fore part of this week the local office of the Western Union Telegraph company was moved into its new location in the L. O. O. F. block, this being the recently completed addition to the block.

The new office gives the company as fine an office here as can be found in any city of the size in the state. When the offices were moved the old fixtures were moved to the new quarters temporarily, because the new fixtures which had been ordered had not yet arrived.

When the new fixtures arrive they will be promptly installed, giving Manager Grabowsky a still better business office than it is at the present time.

It is also the attention of the company to install new instruments in the local offices, install dynamos, etc., making it up-to-the-minute in every possible respect.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 25—Mt. Pleasant here.
February 1—Hillsdale here.
February 8—Olivet here.
February 15—Hillsdale there.
February 16—Adrian there.
February 22—Kazoo here.
March 1—Olivet there.
March 2—Kazoo there.
March 8—Ypsi here.
March 9—Adrian here.
March 16—Grand Rapids "Y" there.

F. E. MOORE DEAD

Former Proprietor of Alma Hotel Died in Lansing Friday.

Frank E. Moore of this city, former owner of the Alma Hotel on south State street, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Palen, in Lansing, Friday, January 18th.

The body was brought to this city for burial. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter in Lansing. He was born Jan. 27, 1857, at Fredericktown, Ohio.

Mr. Moore had been a resident of this city for some years, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends gained through business association. During the time that he was in this city, he was for several years the manager and owner of the Alma Hotel.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, Mrs. F. E. Moore of this city, one daughter, Mrs. R. S. Palen of Lansing and one son, Frank Moore of this city.

NOTED ENGLISHMAN GAVE FINE LECTURE

Dr. George Parkin, Director of Rhodes Scholarship Trust, Lectures at College.

Dr. George Robert Parkin, of London, England, Director of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, spoke in the college chapel Friday night, on "The Relation of American and British Democracy to the War."

Because of his pleasing personality, his wide travel, and his knowledge of men and affairs, Dr. Parkin gave his audience not only a most instructive but a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Before leaving England, Dr. Parkin said to him, "No man has a more real mission than to interpret to the people of the United States the attitude and relation of our British Empire to this War." And Dr. Parkin now says, "I feel when I go back to England I have another mission—that of interpreting America to England when I see the amazing progress made by this country."

He said in part: "Rhodes' vision for the future of the world has become the most important question of the whole world. Rhodes' idea was that the sympathetic understanding between our two nations would go further than anything else to secure peace and prosperity for the world. Russia cannot be counted on; Italy is shattered; France is almost at the end of her man-power, her sacrifice has been tremendous; the small nations like Belgium have been crushed; Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland are terrorized. Our two nations are left!—The British Empire and the United States.

"We are engaged in the most tremendous struggle the world has ever known. This struggle has got to be fought out by our people, and after the War is over the settlement of the greatest problems that the world has ever known are going to lie largely upon the shoulders of our two democracies. Therefore a feeling of sympathetic understanding is necessary. An analysis of the text books of this country used in the public schools shows that the impression is made on the young that England is a tyrant nation. England is not a tyrant nation. Let me give you a few examples.

"On August 4, 1914, the signal was sent out 'England expects every man to do his duty.' It was not sent along a line of battleships, as when Nelson years before gave the command, but sent along a line of nations, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand. There was not a point where English people lived where men did not drop their professions and activities; 9,000 from Argentina paid their passage across from South America and asked for the privilege to fight for their flag. A tyrant nation does not produce that kind of people.

"The Revolutionary War, was in reality a civil war. Men who had lived in England but five years before, fought with Englishmen. The English colonies by evolution got a much greater democracy than the United States by revolution. A tyrant nation would not give democracy like that.

"The American slogan—'safe for democracy'—was not the reason that England entered the war. It was national honor that swept England off her feet. When Germany treated her pledged word as a scrap of paper, England was roused. To make the world safe for democracy, only slowly dawned on us. England is democratic. She is more democratic than America. But England has a thousand years of history to start with, and appearances make it seem as if she were not so democratic. America cannot help being democratic, because she opens her doors to all people. America has the spirit, but England thinks she has done better than America in working out the problems. England has government of the people, for the people, and by the people. In as great an industrial country as America, you would expect to see working

RED CROSS SEAL SALE BEST HELD

Gratiot Had Biggest Sale of Red Cross This Year That It Has Ever Had.

ALMA PEOPLE BOUGHT MOST

Committee of Women Which Had Charge of Campaign Did Fine Work Making Sales.

Mrs. V. H. Shepard, who has had charge of the Red Cross Seal sale in Gratiot county again this year, has announced that the sale in the county this year has been the largest in the eleven years which she has handled the work and she extends her thanks to all who aided in making the campaign the success that it has been.

Alma, the largest city of the county, naturally led in the sales again this year. Miss Dunlap, who had charge of the sales in the schools, reported a sale of \$76.36 worth of seals. Mrs. Moore reported a sale of \$81.14 in the business section of the city, making the total sales of Alma \$157.50. Miss Nelson and Mrs. White of Rhine, who had charge of the sales in that city, have reported \$40.14 worth of seals sold. Mrs. Hildreth in St. Louis, has reported the sale of \$76.36 worth of the little seals. The rural schools of the county sold \$1.77 worth of seals.

Frederick Arndt, of St. Louis, is the prize winning seal seller of the county, this young man having sold over 1,000 Red Cross seals. He will receive a medal.

Mrs. Shepard told the Record reporter that twelve gold pins, forty-two silver pins and numerous buttons had been awarded the youngsters of the county.

She also said that the young people of the county, who have been active in the seal sales, have been organized into a band of health crusaders, who will be called upon to uphold certain rules, five in number. They are:

1. Always breathe fresh air. Never sleep, study, work or play in a room without a window open. Take ten deep breaths of outdoor air every day.

2. Eat wholesome food, including fruit and vegetables, and chew it thoroughly. Drink plenty of pure water and use your own cup. Avoid food that is hard to digest, like heavy pie and cake and much candy. Never eat or drink anything which weakens the body, like alcoholic drinks.

3. Make sure that everything that you put into your mouth is clean. Wash your hands always before eating and before handling food, and bathe your whole body at least once a week. Clean your teeth daily. Have a regular time every day for attending to each need of your body.

4. Exercise every day in the open air. Stand up and sit up straight. Do not smoke before you grow up.

5. Get a long night's sleep. Get up smiling. Keep your mind clean and cheerful.

Mrs. Shepard also calls attention to the fact that a few who have been selling seals in the county have not yet made reports and requests that they do so at once.